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Omaha VA Medical Center expands COVID-19 vaccinations to adolescents under SAVE LIVES Act

[OMAHA, Neb.] – The Omaha VA Medical Center announced today that it will begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations to adolescents, ages 12 to 17, who are caregivers of Veterans or are CHAMPVA beneficiaries under the SAVE LIVES Act.

The Omaha VA Medical Center, which is part of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, will expand their vaccine offering beginning on Wednesday, June 2, at Omaha VA Medical Center. The Omaha VA Medical Center is located at 4101 Woolworth Avenue.

The vaccinations will be available on a walk-in basis between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mondays thru Fridays, in the Omaha VAMC's Ambulatory Care Center. Vaccinations are also available at the Omaha VAMC's Express Care Clinic (located on the ground floor of the main hospital) from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays thru Fridays, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Vaccinations will be available to Veteran caregivers and those who qualify as beneficiaries under VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program. The expansion is in line with recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration. Previously, VA was only vaccinating adults age 18 and older.

"The Omaha VA Medical Center is honored to expand its offering of the COVID-19 vaccine to the adolescents who care for Veterans under this new expanded authority," said B. Don Burman, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System director. "We look forward to helping our community move forward in this effort."

For more information about the Omaha VA Medical Center COVID-19 vaccine clinic operations visit www.nebraska.va.gov or call 800-346-8800, press 2 for more information.

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